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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Robert J. Smith : Group art unit: 3727  
Serial No. 09/683,761 : Examiner: Ngo, Lien M  
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**OFFICIAL****APPEAL BRIEF**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 6, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-20. This is in support of the notice of appeal filed January 5, 2004 appealing the final rejection of claims 1-20.

**I****REAL PARTY IN INTEREST**

Erie Plastics Corporation is the owner of the entire right title and interest in the above identified patent application as the assignee of record in the assignment recorded on Reel 012383 frame 0442 and is the real party in interest of this application at the time this brief is being filed.

**II****RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

There are no other appeals or interferences known to appellant, the assignee or the appellant's legal representative that will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal. This statement is not limited to co-pending patent applications.

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